

THE LEADERSHIP LOOP

Keeping Leadership Majors & ACE
Minors in the loop!

02/17/2026



Crystal's Corner



Good morning, everyone! There is a lot of important information in this newsletter, so please make sure you read through it all! Pay attention to the upcoming Career/Internship Fairs as well as all the scholarship deadlines. One important deadline that is also coming up is to apply for a summer internship stipend. This scholarship/stipend through the Career Readiness office is available to students showing financial need for unpaid and underpaid internships. These financial opportunities are open to all of you who qualify, whether you are Arizona Online or Main Campus students. Let me know if you have any questions! Thanks, and have a great day!

-Crystal

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College of Education, Room 201

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Student & Alumni Spotlight



Ben Huffman is the Executive Vice President for ASUA, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona. Ben moved into this position after being a Senator for the College of Education his junior year. In this role, Ben oversees the clubs on campus, helping them go through the club recognition process and application process for funding. Ben also presides over the student body senate, meeting every Wednesday evening to discuss a wide variety of policies and issues facing the study body. Throughout the week, Ben is in close contact with college senators, as they try to enact legislation that serves their college's interests. Ben is learning that "leadership takes a lot of forms, especially when you oversee 19 different senators to make sure their interests are valued and acted on. Good leadership requires opening yourself to new perspectives; being proactive and getting things done even when things are challenging." After graduation, Ben hopes to get his M.Ed. in [Teach Arizona](#) to become a high school social studies/government teacher!

Rosa Rojas Franco (class of 2025) is the Project Coordinator for Native Initiatives at the Sonoran Center for Excellence, a federally funded center through the University of Arizona College of Medicine. As the Project Coordinator for Native Initiatives, Rosa leads and support projects that advance inclusive education, employment, and transition outcomes for Native and Indigenous communities in the state of Arizona. "My leadership degree has helped me apply a strong foundation in collaborative and relational leadership. In my role, I regularly work across systems, using leadership principles that emphasize shared decision-making, cultural humility, and building trust rather than top-down management. I also apply systems thinking, which helps me understand how policies, funding, education systems, and community needs intersect. This allows me to coordinate projects more strategically and anticipate barriers while identifying opportunities for sustainable impact." Rosa's next step is a master's in organizational leadership from ASU.





Education Career Fair

February 19, 2026 | 1-3PM | Main Campus

Employers can connect with top talent from the College of Education and beyond.

All Majors Career Fair

February 25, 2026 | 12-3PM | Main Campus

Recruit talented Wildcats across a wide variety of majors for your internships, part-time and full-time roles.

Arizona Jobs Now

March 31, 2026 | 12-2PM | Main Campus

Local, regional and Arizona-based organizations with available part-time and full-time roles can recruit Wildcats from a variety of majors.



IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

GET STARTED AT:

ARIZONA.SCHOLARSHIPUNIVERSE.COM



UNDERGRAD

Apply January 19 through
April 10, 2026

GRADS

Apply January 19 through
April 3, 2026

USE SEARCH WORDS LIKE:

Education | Undergraduate | Graduate | Summer

QUESTIONS? EMAIL:

coe-scholarships@arizona.edu



FAFSA & Scholarship Deadlines You Don't Want to Miss

- FAFSA 2026–2027 Priority Dates
- Submit FAFSA early to be considered for institutional grants:
- March 1 (current students) | April 1 (new Fall 2026 students)
- FAFSA Help Available
- Get support at a FAFSA Filing Workshop. The next one is Feb. 16!
- Scholarships Are Open
- New 2026–2027 scholarships are live in Scholarship Universe. Build or update your profile. Monthly scholarship search workshops run through April 2026.
- Merit Scholarship Renewal Reminder
- Students must meet renewal requirements by year's end. Summer 2026 UA courses can help boost GPA or units if needed. Only UA units count.

Summer Internship Stipends

Summer Internship Stipends – A Career Impacting Award

You may be eligible for a stipend of up to \$2500 to support your internship this summer! Some internship opportunities are unpaid or have additional costs associated with them such as moving, travel, or professional attire. The summer internship stipend provides extra financial support so eligible students can focus on getting the most out of their summer internship.

Now accepting applications for Summer 2026

The Center for Career Readiness provides resources to help students at the University of Arizona build confidence to pursue internships in fields of interest and guidance on how make the most of the experience.

Click [here](#) for more information



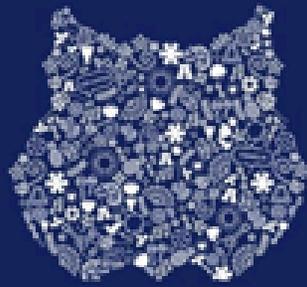
NEW OFFERINGS: Study Abroad with COE!

In Summer 2026, the College of Education will offer THREE Study Abroad programs:

- NEW! Deaf Studies in Paris (prerequisite: ASL 3)
- NEW! Inclusive Education Practices in Kazakhstan
- Verano en Mexico

We also encourage you to apply for Study Abroad scholarships and COE and other scholarships to help fund your experience.

Come study with us! Apply by Feb. 25.



The University of Arizona Hispanic Alumni 2026-2027 Scholarships

APPLY NOW!



NEW Wildcats

- Incoming 1st Year Scholarship
- Transfer Student Scholarship

DEADLINE: MARCH 11, 2026

ALL Wildcats

- UAHA Club Scholarship
 - Graduate & Undergraduate
- Multiple Named Endowments

DEADLINE: APRIL 6, 2026

✓ Admitted for Fall 2026?

✓ Completed your Next Steps Center?

✓ Created your NetID?

Then you're ready to apply!

Search "Hispanic Alumni"
or "UAHA" in
Scholarship Universe

Website: uahispanicalumni.arizona.edu

Email: uazhispanicalumni@gmail.com

Instagram: [@uaha1982](https://www.instagram.com/uaha1982)

Facebook: [@ua.hispanic.alumni](https://www.facebook.com/ua.hispanic.alumni)

[Check out this newsletter!](#)

College of Education is Hiring!

DIGITAL COORDINATOR

Are you?:

Organized

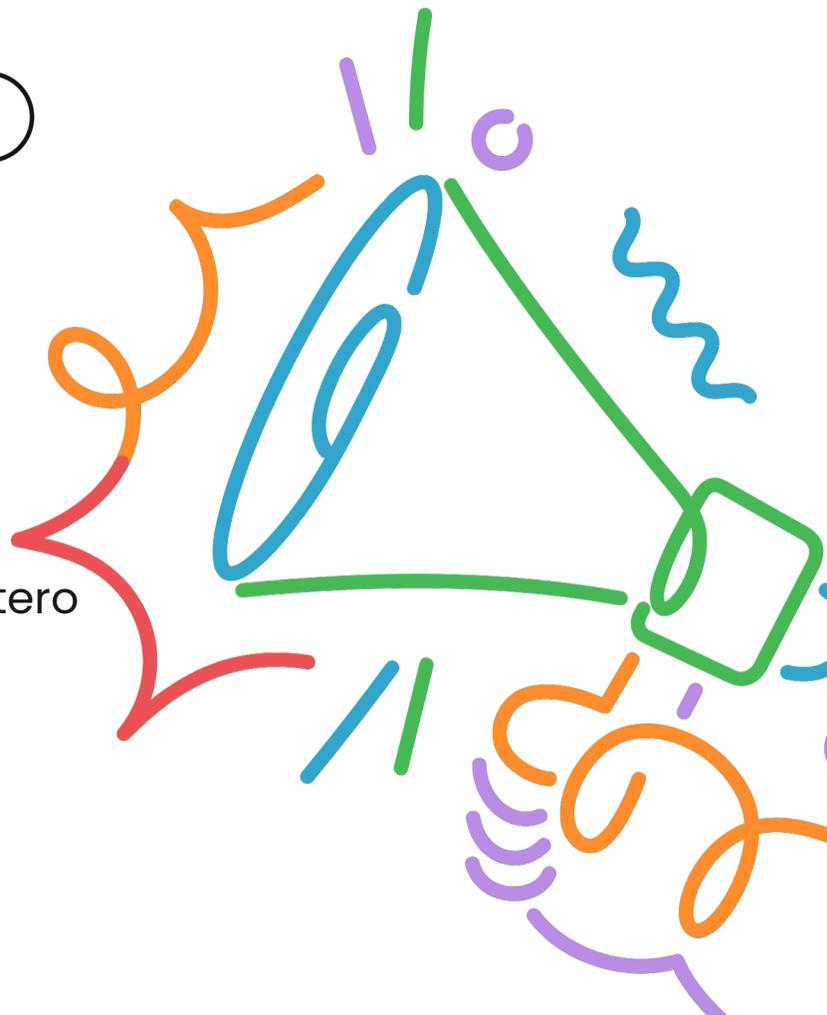
Able to work independently

Creative

Able to meet deadlines

Federal Work Study eligible

Please reach out to Dr. Crystal Soltero
csoltero@arizona.edu





parks in focus
Udall Foundation



PHOTO BY: Mariah, age 12, a participant from John Valenzuela Youth Center



PHOTO BY: Nadine, age 12, a participant from NAU Educational Talent Search - Trio

2026 POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ARIZONA (TUCSON) TRIP LEADER

The Stewart L. Udall Parks in Focus Program (Parks in Focus®) connects youth to the Nation's public lands and natural resources through photography, positive outdoor experiences, and environmental education.

Parks in Focus® is a program of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation (Udall Foundation), an independent Federal agency headquartered in Tucson, Arizona.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Udall Foundation is seeking **two** enthusiastic and highly motivated Trip Leaders to join the Parks in Focus® team beginning in spring 2026. The Trip Leaders will organize and lead local Parks in Focus® outings in the greater Tucson area throughout the year, participate in one or more multiday trips to northern Arizona during the summer, and support program operations requirements. The Trip Leaders will receive training on Park in Focus® curricula and will work closely with Udall Foundation staff, partner youth organizations, and program volunteers.

The Trip Leaders will work a base schedule of up to 25 hours per week. Evening, weekend, and overnight Parks in Focus® activities are common, and the Trip Leaders will have an opportunity to earn overtime pay in certain circumstances. These positions may be extended beyond 2026, subject to satisfactory performance, program needs, and available program funding.

MORE ON BACK >

Parks in Focus Trip Leader Positions

The Stewart L. Udall Parks in Focus Program is seeking two Trip Leaders to support youth-focused outdoor and photography-based environmental education programs in the Tucson area beginning Spring 2026.

- Lead local outings and support multi-day summer trips in northern Arizona
- Work with K-12 youth through photography, environmental education, and outdoor recreation
- Up to 25 hours per week; evenings, weekends, and some overnights required
 - Pay rate: \$21.89/hour
- Applicants must live in or near Tucson and be U.S. citizens

Application deadline: March 4, 2026 (11:59 p.m. PST)

For more information

Visit the Udall Foundation's website at udall.gov.

To apply, submit a resume and three professional references to parksinfocus@udall.gov



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Earn
Credit



Easy
application

Federal Work Study is required for this position

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ORP-Sponsored Campuswide Undergraduate Student-Initiated Original Research Program

Application deadline: **March 2nd, 2026**

We are pleased to continue our new initiative to provide awards to undergraduates across all campus colleges for **original, innovative student-generated** research projects. Based on discussions at the Faculty Senate several years ago, ORP has granted our office \$15,000 per year for 5 years for undergraduates at the University of Arizona to pursue their own research questions with faculty mentors of their choice. 10-12 awardees per year will be competitively selected by a cross-campus multidisciplinary committee to receive \$1,000-\$1,500 each to be used for stipend/salary, travel, supplies, equipment and/or other costs. This award may be supplemented by additional funds if promising progress is made. A Student Forum will be held in the Fall to report progress. The *deadline to apply for this funding* is **March 2nd, 2026**.

Application forms with specific instructions can be found with this announcement. They are also available by email from msrp@surgery.arizona.edu.

Program Co-Directors:

- Marlys H. Witte (MD—Professor of Surgery, Neurosurgery and Pediatrics, College of Medicine)
- Ken S. McAllister (PhD—Associate Dean for Research and Program Innovation, College of Humanities)



Internship Opportunity with CommunityShare

About CommunityShare: The Tucson-based nonprofit CommunityShare activates student engagement, career readiness, and a sense of belonging through community-driven, real-world learning experiences. CommunityShare's digital platform connects PreK-12 students and educators to a "human library" of local wisdom, skills, and expertise. Our communities are one of the most untapped resources in education. Through community engagement and real-world learning, CommunityShare creates critical pathways for students to gain the skills, mindsets, and learning experiences students need to navigate a dynamic future. Community partners—including scientists, artists, entrepreneurs, college and university faculty, and more—serve as mentors, content experts, project collaborators, and internship hosts who co-create authentic learning experiences with students and educators. Students discover the real-world application of what they learn in school, connect with caring adults, explore new passions and career paths, and realize their potential.

Founded in Tucson, CommunityShare has now grown its reach to impact more than 85,000 students across ten states nationwide. Learn more about CommunityShare at communityshare.org and as featured in a recent article by [Forbes](#).

Undergraduate or Graduate Internship Role Responsibilities May Include:

1. Content Creation and Distribution:
 - Create and curate compelling content (images/videos and written posts) across social media platforms to boost awareness and engagement with CommunityShare.
 - Create content to promote recent news, impact stories, impactful projects, and professional development opportunities for educators through social media and targeted newsletters.
 - Identify and leverage opportunities for press releases and news coverage to build visibility about CommunityShare in local and national markets.
2. Build Professional Development Outreach:
 - Research and identify strategic opportunities to promote CommunityShare's professional development opportunities (such as workshops and fellowship) to educators in our networks and nationwide.
3. Community Engagement:
 - Assist staff in organizing opportunities and facilitating presentations to educators about CommunityShare.

Get Paid to Play!



Telluride Academy
is **HIRING!**

- Field Instructors
- Junior Instructors
- Interns
- Field Instructors-in-training
- Early Childhood Specialists
- Student Support Specialist
- Boating Specialist



Learn more and apply:
tellurideacademy.org/employment



Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona

Current Open Positions

Year-Round Positions

- Administrative Assistant to Mission Delivery
Hourly, full time, non-exempt
- Membership Engagement Manager
Salary, full time, non-exempt

Seasonal Camp Staff Positions

All camp positions are seasonal and run approximately 6–8 weeks during June and July.

Camp Whispering Pines (Mount Lemmon)

- Unit Counselors
- Unit Leaders
- Medical Staff

Hacienda Day Camp

- Unit Counselors
- Unit Leader
- Lifeguards

Applications and additional information are available [here.](#)

Looking for an Internship?

Below are some places that many Leadership Majors have interned over the years. If you're interested in one of these places, reach out and see if they are willing to host you!

- Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona
- The Cooper Center for Environmental Learning
- Tucson Unified School District
- Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium
- Literacy Connects
- The Boys and Girls Club
- Pima County Parks and Recreation
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona
- Saguaro National Park
- The Humane Society
- Youth on Their Own
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- YMCA
- TRIO Upward Bound
- Tucson Village Farm
- Girls on the Run
- Arizona State Museum
- Candlelighters
- Higher Ground

This is not an inclusive list, as there are many options for internships!

UROC SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer Research Institute (SRI)

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/summer-research-institute>



SRI, funded by the University of Arizona Graduate College, is open to juniors and seniors of all disciplines, including social sciences, humanities, and STEM. Applicants should be interested in completing a master's or PhD. SRI offers opportunities for students to collaborate with a cohort consisting of a variety of majors and research fields, and is open to both U of A and non-U of A students.

Application Deadline: February 1

Contact: Karla Smith, karlasmith@arizona.edu

Minimizing Health Disparities (MHD)

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/minimizing-health-disparities>



MHD, funded by the University of Arizona Graduate College, focuses on research conduction surrounding the health issues that affect minority communities in a disproportionate manner. MHD is open to both U of A and non-U of A juniors or seniors in biomedical majors interested in completing a PhD or an MD/PhD. (NOTE: This program does not offer pre-med preparation.)

Application Deadline: February 1

Contact: Karla Smith, karlasmith@arizona.edu

Biosphere 2 REU

<https://biosphere2.org/education/university-programs/research-experiences-undergrads-reu>



UA's Biosphere 2 facility is the site of this summer research experience. By using a multidisciplinary approach (involving disciplines such as hydrology, geology, geochemistry, ecology, biology, physics, engineering, and atmospheric sciences), research teams focus on understanding how earth systems respond to environmental change. Open to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

Application Deadline: March 1

Contact: Dr. Katerina Dontsova, dontsova@arizona.edu



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Opportunities Consortium



Gradfest 2026

Gradfest takes place March 3–5, 2026, from 9 am to 5 pm and is your one-stop event for all graduation essentials. Purchase caps, gowns, stoles, and more while enjoying a festive atmosphere. Professional graduation photos will be available, along with alumni merchandise and keepsakes to celebrate your next chapter. Exclusive graduation discounts are offered during the event.

Learn more [here](#)



Gratitude Project

The Gratitude Project began in Fall 2018 and allows University of Arizona students, staff and faculty to send a personalized card or email to another Arizona student, staff or faculty member. Individuals are asked to identify those who had a positive impact during the current year or semester, or at any point in their time at the institution.

Learn more [here](#)



Plan ahead for summer internships!

Now is the perfect time to start exploring your options. Check out this curated list of opportunities available across the country—whether you're interested in research, industry, community programs, or hands-on experience, there's something for everyone. Get inspired, get prepared, and take the next step toward your summer goals! Review this **list** for opportunities all over the country!



Get Involved in COE!

The College of Education has many involvement opportunities for you - consider signing up today!

- Alpha Delta Kappa Collegiate Club (leadership, service, professional growth)
- Dean's Advisory Board (representative, meet with college leadership once/month)
- SSS-TRiO Prep (community and support for qualifying students pursuing a career in education)
- Student Council (event planning, socials)
- Student Disability Advocacy Club (new!)
- WordCats/MathCats (get paid to tutor K-12 youth! Federal Work Study only)

Resources

Academic Skills Workshop with Think Tank

Free weekly workshops hosted by
Think Tank
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4pm
Bear Down Room 266
Click [here](#) to register



Student Union Memorial Center, Sonora Room
Academic Year Hours: (starting Aug. 25th)
Tuesday 3-6 PM
Wednesday 12-3 PM
Friday 12-3 PM
Click [here](#) for more information



Campus Closet

Located on the 1st floor of the student
union
Tuesday from 3-6 PM
Friday from 12-3 PM
Click [here](#) for more information



CAPS Care Pathways

Care Pathways is our philosophy of care. We believe:

- Mental health support comes in many forms.
- No one should have to wait for mental health support.
- Everyone deserves options for individualized care.
- Collaborating is the key to reaching the best outcomes for you.

Whether you're ready to start counseling or medication, have a question, seeking community, want to learn new skills, or just need to vent, there's a path for you.

CAPS services are available to all enrolled UA students. Explore [Care Pathways](#).